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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
ANTONIO GUZMAN TOLENTINO,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:25-CR-00094-WBS-4

STIPULATION AND JOINT REQUEST FOR  
PROTECTIVE ORDER; PROTECTIVE ORDER

**I. STIPULATION**

1. The United States of America, by and through Special Assistant United States Attorney Caily Nelson, together with Dina L. Santos, counsel for Antonio Guzman Tolentino (“Defense Counsel”) for the reasons set forth below, hereby stipulate, agree, and jointly request that the Court enter a Protective Order in this case restricting the use and dissemination of certain materials that could identify undercover agents and/or confidential sources, and/or that contain personal identifying information (“PII”) and other confidential information of real persons.

2. This Court may enter protective orders pursuant to Rule 16(d) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, Local Rule 141.1, and its general supervisory authority.

3. On July 18, 2025, the Grand Jury returned a superseding indictment charging Defendant with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) (Counts One and Two); distribution of methamphetamine, in violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Counts Three, Four, Five, Eight, and Nine); and possession with the intent to

1 distribute heroin, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count Eleven).

2 4. The Government will be providing ongoing discovery to defense counsel. At this time,  
3 the Government intends to disclose materials that could more clearly identify undercover agents and/or  
4 confidential sources. The Government seeks to do so pursuant to its discovery obligations, although  
5 some of the materials may exceed the scope of the Government's discovery obligations and will be  
6 produced to promote a prompt and just resolution of the case.

7 5. The materials may include, but not be limited to: (1) audio recordings, video recordings,  
8 photographs, investigative reports and/or other documents that could identify confidential sources; and  
9 (2) materials containing PII and other confidential information of real persons. These real persons are  
10 third parties, co-conspirators, and/or witnesses to this case. This discovery will be considered  
11 "Protected Material" as described in this stipulation and order, as will any other discovery marked as  
12 Protected Material.

13 6. The purpose of this stipulation and order is to establish the procedures that must be  
14 followed by Defense Counsel, any designated employees, and any other individual who receives access  
15 to any Protected Material in this case and the information therein.

16 7. The Government shall produce the Material to Defense Counsel, designating the  
17 discovery with the bates prefix, "TOLENTINO\_ONLY\_PM\_" and "USAO\_PM." This discovery, and  
18 any subsequent material discovered by the Government to Defense Counsel using the bates-prefix, shall  
19 be considered Protected Material.

20 8. All Protected Material in this case is now and will forever remain the property of the  
21 Government. It is entrusted to Defense Counsel only for purposes of representing the Defendant during  
22 the pendency of this case.

23 9. Defense Counsel shall not give any Protected Material to any person other than Defense  
24 Counsel's staff assisting in preparation of the present case. The term "staff" shall explicitly include only  
25 attorneys, paralegals, legal assistants, retained experts, and investigators assisting Defense Counsel in  
26 the present matter. The term excludes any other pending matter against the Defendant; any person  
27 involved in any case in which discovery concerning the Defendant is produced; and any other person  
28 other than those specifically authorized to see Protected Material under this paragraph.

1           10. Any person receiving access to the Protected Material from Defense Counsel shall be  
2 bound by the same obligations as Defense Counsel and, further, may not give any Protected Material to  
3 anyone.

4           11. No members of the Defendant's family, friends of the Defendant, personal or  
5 professional associates of the Defendant, or any other person affiliated with the Defendant or any  
6 Defendant in a related case shall be given access to any Protected Material or its contents in any manner,  
7 for any reason. Some of the Defendants in this case are family members, and the government will  
8 disclose discovery individual to each Defendant individually. No one else may share discovery with any  
9 members of any Defendant's family.

10           12. Defense Counsel may make copies of Protected Material and may take written or typed  
11 notes summarizing it in connection with preparation of the case. If necessary to the litigation of the  
12 instant matter, Defense Counsel may also have audio or video forms of Protected Material transcribed.  
13 Excluding the work product of Defense Counsel, all notes, copies, duplicates, summaries, transcripts, or  
14 other representations of or concerning the information in the Protected Material comprises "Protected  
15 Material" itself, must be affixed with the corresponding bates numbers and the "Protected Material"  
16 ledger, and is subject to all terms of this stipulation and order.

17           13. Defense Counsel shall maintain a list of persons to whom any Protected Material is being  
18 or has been given. Such persons shall be provided with a copy of the executed version of this stipulation  
19 and order, shall sign their full names to a copy, and shall in writing acknowledge that they understand its  
20 terms and are bound by it. If Defense Counsel is replaced for any reason, or if new counsel is appointed  
21 in any phase of the matter, the new counsel shall not have access to any Protected Material until and  
22 unless they sign a copy of this stipulation and order, under the terms described in this paragraph.

23           14. Defense Counsel may use the Protected Material in the defense of Defendant in the  
24 instant case in any manner deemed essential to adequately represent him (i.e., in motions that are filed  
25 under seal, if necessary; in ex-parte applications as may be needed; and in reproducing and summarizing  
26 the Protected Material for use in trial preparation summaries, exhibits and as evidence, as may be  
27 needed), consistent with this stipulation and order as it shall be originally prepared and signed.  
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15. In the event Defense Counsel needs to use any Protected Material in a manner not authorized under this stipulation and order, Defense Counsel is entitled to seek to have this stipulation and order amended by the District Court, after having given notice to counsel for the Government, in a hearing before the District Court, in order to meet the obligations under the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

16. Defense Counsel and any authorized members of Defense Counsel's staff are authorized to review with Defendant the contents of the Protected Material. Defense Counsel and authorized members of his/her staff, however, are prohibited from in any way giving Defendant any Protected Material itself, copies of any of the Protected Material, or copies of excerpts of any of the Protected Material. This prohibition will not extend to the Defendant viewing the Protected Material in open court should any of these materials or summaries thereof be used in the litigation of this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: August 15, 2025

ERIC GRANT  
United States Attorney

By: /s/ CAILY NELSON  
CAILY NELSON  
Special Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: August 20, 2025

/s/ DINA L. SANTOS  
DINAL L. SANTOS  
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ANTONIO GUZMAN TOLENTINO

### FINDINGS AND ORDER

The Court having read and considered the Stipulation and Joint Request for a Protective Order, which this Court incorporates by reference into this Order in full, hereby finds that GOOD CAUSE exists to enter the above Order.

IT IS SO FOUND AND ORDERED

Dated: August 20, 2025

  
CAROLYN K. DELANEY  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE